



ST. MARY'S COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	673	658	577
Average Size (acres)	115	109	118
Land in Farms (acres)	77,491	71,920	68,153
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	4,596	5,467	4,636
Hogs	18,042	9,628	2,321
Sheep	194	322	641
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			12,196
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			3,539
Tobacco (\$1,000)			1,676
Vegetables (\$1,000)			1,612
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.5	53.7	54.3
Percent Female Operators	5.8	7.9	11.8
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			620
Equine Inventory			2,710
Value of Equine Inventory			\$7,540,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	16	Soybeans	11
Barley	10	Vegetables	11
Forage	10	Wheat	10

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle	10	Milk Cows	14
Broilers	14	Sheep	11
Hogs	8		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	9,100	50.8	462,100
	2003	8,200	109.8	900,000
	2004	9,300	131.4	1,221,900
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	600	14.2	8,500
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	16,200	14.5	234,900
	2003	15,400	32.9	506,100
	2004	16,600	39.7	658,500
Wheat (bushels)	2002	5,300	63.4	336,100
	2003	5,300	38.7	205,000
	2004	5,900	49.9	294,470
Hay (tons)	2002	5,500	1.8	9,800
	2003	4,300	2.0	8,700
	2004	4,900	2.4	11,600
Barley (bushels)	2002	1,200	76.3	91,600
	2003	1,000	59.4	59,400
	2004	1,000	50.7	50,700

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$34.08	\$30.00	\$35.45

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